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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SOCIAL SECURITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT.—Mr. Perkins, Chairman, brought up an Interim Report, dated 24th September, 1941, from the Joint Committee on Social Security, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
3. DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of the Minister for Commerce (Sir Earle Page), the Minister for Transport (Mr. Anthony), as Minister assisting the Treasurer (Mr. Fadden), would concentrate on Treasury duties and would be relieved of his duties as Assistant Minister for Commerce, and that the Minister for Home Security (Mr. Abbott) would be Acting Minister for Commerce.
4. USE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR SECURITY PURPOSES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in which he reviewed the establishment and the use made of special funds for security purposes and referred to recent cases of employment of such special funds to check anti-constitutional bodies and to counter activities opposed to the maintenance of Australia's war effort. Mr. Fadden then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Use of Special Funds for Security Purposes—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—" and this House disapproves of the wrong use of the fund established in February, 1940, for a special purpose".
Ordered—That Mr. Curtin be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Fadden moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate being continued.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Nairn, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	
Mr. Falstein	
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frost	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beck	Mr. Menzies
Sir George Bell	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Coles	Mr. Price
Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spender
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Corser
Mr. Marwick	Mr. Guy
Mr. McCall	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Raw Cotton Bounty Bill (No. 2) 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1941.

[*Cable and Wire Bounty Bill 1941*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 67.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Production of Rubber-insulated Cable and Rubber-insulated Wire* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th September, 1941.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 228.
Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 211.
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Prohibited places (2).
Taking possession of land, &c. (33).
Use of land (2).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 226, 227, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reservations of certain lands in Playford.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1940-41.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Earle Page, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.